

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion, the elastic fixing member having an attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is attached and a non-attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is not attached,

wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in mass than the attachment portion thereof.

2. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 1, wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in thickness than the attachment portion thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~claim 1, wherein the non-attachment portion of the elastic fixing member is greater in width than the attachment portion thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to ~~claim 1, 2 or 3,~~claim 1, wherein the attachment portion of the elastic fixing member has holes formed therein.

5. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion,

wherein the cross-sectional area changing member attached to the elastic fixing member has holes formed therein.

6. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 5, wherein the holes have openings facing to the cavity.

7. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, comprising;

a cross-sectional area changing member for changing a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section; and

an elastic fixing member in a form of a ring for fixing the cross-sectional area changing member to the inner surface of the tread portion, the elastic fixing member having an attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is attached and a non-attachment portion to which the cross-sectional area changing member is not attached,

wherein a mass adjusting element is provided on the non-attachment portion.

8. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to claim 7, wherein the mass adjusting element is formed from an element having a density that is five time greater or more than an apparent density of the cross-sectional area changing member.

9. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 8~~ claims 1, 5 and 7, having regions formed when the tire cavity resonance restricting device is equally sectioned into thirty-six regions at given positions around a circumference of the elastic fixing member in the form of a ring along a direction of the circumference, the regions including one region having a maximum mass  $M_a$  and one region having a minimum mass  $M_b$ , a mass ratio  $M_a/M_b$  being one to ten.

10. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 9~~ claims 1, 5 and 7, wherein the elastic fixing member is formed from a belt-shaped band made of metal or resin.

11. (Original) A tire cavity resonance restricting device to be mounted on an inner surface of a tread portion facing to a cavity of a pneumatic tire, having an annular cross-sectional area changing member that is arranged so as to be able to change a cross-sectional area of the cavity in tire meridian cross section, the device having regions formed when the tire cavity resonance restricting device is equally sectioned into thirty-six regions at given positions around a circumference thereof along a direction of the circumference, the regions including one region having a maximum mass  $M_a$  and one region having a minimum mass  $M_b$ , a mass ratio  $M_a/M_b$  being one to ten.

12. (Currently Amended) A tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 11~~ claims 1, 5, 7 and 11, wherein the cross-sectional area changing member is formed of a sponge.

13. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire having a tire cavity resonance restricting device according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 12~~ claims 1, 5, 7 and 11.